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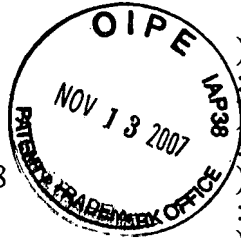
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) to (3) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 07-015679
- (2) JP 2002-229976
- (3) JP 2003-016056

Documents (1) to (3) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated August 13, 2007, is enclosed, together with an English-language translation thereof.

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English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (3). In this regard, the abstract provided for document (1) is an abstract of its corresponding laid-open application. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (1) to (3) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this Office has received a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). Thus, in view of the date of the Japanese Office Action, it is hereby submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Additionally, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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